

## Listing of Claims

### IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims is intended to supercede all previously filed listings of claims. Changes are shown with deletions in ~~strike through~~ and additions underlined.

**Claim 1 (Original).** A method for imparting a spectral characteristic to a composite material, comprising the steps:

- (a) providing a reinforcement material,
- (b) coating the reinforcement material with pigment particles to produce a pigment coated reinforcement material,
- (c) applying a resin material to the pigment coated reinforcement material, and
- (d) curing the resin material to form the finished composite material comprising a matrix that binds the reinforcement material,

wherein the matrix material provides durability to the pigment particles coating the reinforcement material, and wherein the pigment particles impart the spectral characteristic to the composite material.

**Claim 2 (Original).** The method of claim 1, wherein a fluidized bed of the pigment particles is used in the step of coating the reinforcement material with pigment particles.

**Claim 3 (Currently Amended).** The method of claim 1, further comprising applying a textured tool surface to the pigment coated reinforcement material, after the reinforcement material is coated with the pigment particles.

**Claim 4 (Currently Amended).** The method of claim 2, further comprising applying a textured tool surface to the pigment coated reinforcement material, after the reinforcement material is coated with the pigment particles.

**Claim 5 (Original).** The method of claim 2, further comprising sanding a surface of the finished composite material.

**Claim 6 (Currently Amended).** The method of claim 1, wherein the reinforcement material is selected from the group consisting of glass, carbon, ~~Spectra, and Kevlar~~organic fiber material made from poly-paraphenylene terephthalamide, and organic fiber material made from polyethylene.

**Claim 7 (Original).** The method of claim 1, wherein the pigment is selected from the group consisting of metal flakes, inks, dyes, and pigment-coated microspheres.

**Claim 8 (Original).** The method of claim 1, wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of vinyl ester resins and epoxy resins.

**Claim 9 (Original).** A method for imparting a spectral characteristic to a composite material, comprising the steps:

- (a) providing a reinforcement material,
- (b) applying a resin material to the reinforcement material,
- (c) partially curing the resin material to B-stage to form a partially cured resin material that binds the reinforcement material and has a tacky surface,

- (d) coating the tacky surface of the partially cured resin material with pigment particles to produce a pigment coated partially cured resin material, and
- (e) curing the pigment coated partially cured resin material to form a finished composite material comprising a matrix material that binds the reinforcement material,

wherein the matrix material provides durability to the pigment particles coating the reinforcement material, and wherein the pigment particles impart the spectral characteristic to the composite material.

**Claim 10 (Original).** The method of claim 9, wherein a fluidized bed of the pigment particles is used in the step of coating the tacky surface of the partially cured resin material with pigment particles.

**Claim 11 (Original).** The method of claim 9, further comprising applying a textured tool surface to the pigment coated partially cured resin material.

**Claim 12 (Original).** The method of claim 10, further comprising applying a textured tool surface to the pigment coated partially cured resin material.

**Claim 13 (Original).** The method of claim 10, further comprising sanding a surface of the finished composite material.

**Claim 14 (Currently Amended).** The method of claim 9, wherein the reinforcement material is selected from the group consisting of glass, carbon, organic fiber material made from poly-paraphenylene terephthalamide, and organic fiber material made from polyethyleneSpectra, and

~~Kevlar~~.

**Claim 15 (Original).** The method of claim 9, wherein the pigment is selected from the group consisting of metal flakes, inks, dyes, and pigment-coated microspheres.

**Claim 16 (Original).** The method of claim 9, wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of vinyl ester resins and epoxy resins.

**Claims 17-21 (Cancelled).**